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SUBJECT: VISIT OF YUGOSLAV SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND PARTY

1. IT IS NOW FIRM THAT IVAN KUSTRAK, FEDERAL SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, WILL HEAD DELEGATION OF 6 REPUBLICAN SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURE, 2 PROVINCIAL SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURE AND 5 OTHER AGRICULTURISTS AND AN INTERPRETER ON 2 WEEK VISIT TO US. ALL EXPENSES FOR TRAVEL COVERED BY YUGOSLAV CENTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY. UPON RECEIPT INFO FROM PROTOCOL, WILL CABLE NAMES AND BIO DATA WITH CORRECT ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.

2. EMB INFORMED BY BLAZEVSKEI, DIRECTOR YUGOSLAV CENTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, THAT THIS WILL BE FIRST VISIT TO US FOR THE NEW SECRETARIES OF AUTONOMOUS PROVINCES AND REPUBLICS. SECRETARY KUSTRAK HAS VISITED THE US ON TWO PREVIOUS OCCASIONS. BLAZEVSKEI INDICATED THAT KUSTRAK WILL SEPARATE FROM GROUP FOR SPECIAL CONTACTS NOT ON ITINERARY. WILL CABLE INFO THIS ASPECT ON RECEIPT FROM PROTOCOL.

3. EMB PLEASED THAT BOTH HOLSTEIN- FRIESIAN ASSOCIATION AND US
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FEED GRAINS COUNCIL ARE PARTICIPATING IN ARRANGING PROGRAM FOR GROUP. BOTH ORGANIZATIONS WELL REPRESENTED AT RECENT NOVI SAD FAIR AND CATTLE NUTRITION SEMINAR, AND THEIR OFFICERS LARSON AND STOLTE HAVE UNDERSTANDING OF YUGOSLAV AGRICULTURE FROM PREVIOUS VISITS.

4. EMBASSY AND GOY VIEW THIS VISIT AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR CONTINUING EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE AND ALSO TO EXPAND OUR TRADE RELATIONS AND PUT THEM ON A MORE STABLE LONG-TERM BASIS. WE HOPE EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ARRANGE INTERESTING HIGH LEVEL APPOINTMENTS (INCLUDING STATE AND EXIM BANK AS WELL AS AGRI) AND THUS INSURE SUCCESS OF VISIT.

5. IN VIEW OF DISCUSSIONS DURING VICE PRESIDENT DIROTKOVIC VISIT, WE BELIEVE WASHINGTON SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS RE FINDLEY- BELCHER AMENDMENT, FINANCING FOR BREEDING CATTLE AND LATEST CCC COMMODITY DEVELOPMENTS.

6. GROUP DEPARTING BELGRADE JUNE 9. OVERNIGHT IN LONDON. ETA DULLES 1440 HOURS JUNE 10 PAA 107. AMBASSADOR HOSTING PRE-DEPARTURE LUNCH FOR KUSTRAK AND PARTY ON FRIDAY, JUNE 8. TOON

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